GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:164
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UNESCO VISIT TO TAJ
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a)whether a team from UNESCO has recently visited Taj Mahal;

(b)if so, the details thereof; (

(c)whether the construction of unauthorised Taj Heritage Corridor by the Government of Uttar Pradesh was discussed with the UNESCO team;

(d)if so, the details thereof;

(e)whether the Government propose to declare Taj an `Endangered site`; and

(f)if not, the measures proposed by the Government to protect this world heritage monument?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) & (b)No team from UNESCO has recently visited Taj Mahal.

(c)&(d)However the matter came up for a brief discussion during the recent visit of Director General, UNESCO when he called on the Hon`ble Minister for Tourism & Culture.

(e) No, Sir.

(f)The Monument is maintained as per the prescribed archaeological norms.